

OPERATION: START UP & GROW

2017 Veterans Business Conference

Veteran-Owned Business Achievement (VOBA) Award

Criteria:

Nominee must be a 51 percent small business owner with military service, in business for at least two years, a resident of the United States, and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- ❖ staying power
- ❖ growth in employees or sales
- ❖ current and past financial performance
- ❖ innovativeness of service or product
- ❖ response to adversity
- ❖ contributions to community-oriented projects

Additionally, the business must be located in one of the following Upstate New York counties: Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Erie, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

Nomination Packages:

A complete VOBA nomination package must include:

- ❖ DD 214 to demonstrate other than dishonorable discharge
- ❖ Disclosure Form
- ❖ SBA Form 3300
- ❖ SBA Form 3301
- ❖ one page biography of nominee including military service description
- ❖ color photograph of the small business owner (5" x 7")

Nomination packages must be postmarked by **January 31, 2017** and sent to: U.S. Small Business Administration Syracuse District Office, 224 Harrison Street, 5th Floor, Syracuse, NY, 13202.

Selection & Presentation:

The winner will be presented with the award at the 2017 Operation: Start Up & Grow veterans' business conference at the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College on Thursday, March 16, 2017.